

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Stanislaus

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From: (Public Agency): West Stanislaus Irrigation District
116 E Street, Westley, CA 95387

(209) 894-3091

(Address)

Project Title: West Stanislaus Irrigation District Main Canal Modernization Project

Project Applicant: West Stanislaus Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

See Attachment 1.

Project Location - City: Westley

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment 2.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: West Stanislaus Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: West Stanislaus Irrigation District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Guideline Sections 15301 and 15302
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment 3.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robert Pierce, Manager

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 894-3091

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Robert Pierce

Date: 8/28/20

Title: Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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ATTACHMENT 1:

Project Location - Specific

Within West Stanislaus Irrigation District in Stanislaus County. From the location of the district's existing diversion point on the San Joaquin River in the Northeast ¼ of Section 10, Township 4 South, Range 7 East, MDB&M, Assessor's Parcel Number: 1016-025-013, along the existing WSID Main Canal through to the Reach #4 discharge between WSID Lateral 3 and Hamilton Road.

ATTACHMENT 2:

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project

The purpose of this Project is to replace existing facilities constructed in circa 1928 with new modern facilities to deliver San Joaquin River water to the WSID service area.

Two pump stations of WSID, Pump Station 3 and 4, will be upgraded to establish original capacities and to provide reliable water service to its customers. At Station 3 and 4, six and five original pumps, respectively will be removed. The concrete pump deck will be removed and replaced to re-establish structural integrity. Six new 200 HP pumps will be installed in Station 3 and five 200 HP units will be installed in Station 4. Each pump at each station will have a new 42-inch discharge pipe extending through a new concrete headwall and fitted with a new flap gate. Existing electrical controls will be used with the exception of one new 200 HP variable frequency drive at each station. New conduit will be provided from existing controller location to each new pump. Existing motors will be used with the exception of two which will be replaced with 200 HP motors.

ATTACHMENT 3:

Reasons why project is exempt

The Project is exempt under CEQA Guideline §15301, known as the Class One categorical exemption, which applies to activities that involve the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. The Project falls within this exemption because it is the repair and minor alteration of the district's existing diversion and conveyance structure, and involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the district's determination. The Project is also exempt under CEQA Guideline §15301, which exempts facilities used to provide public utilities services and small additions. Guideline §15301(b), (e). Guideline §15301 specifies that the listed examples are not "all-inclusive" and that the "key consideration" in determining whether the exemption applies is whether the project involves "negligible or no expansion of an existing use." The proposed project involves the reconstruction of existing public utilities services with no expansion of existing use.

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The Project is also exempt under CEQA Guideline §15302, known as the Class 2 categorical exemption, because it consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure is located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Among other things, the exemption covers the "replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity." Guideline §15302(c).